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CONSTRUCTION BEGINS FOR NEW SKATE AND SCOOTER PARK IN MEADOWBANK

The City of Ryde's skate and scooter park – known as the Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space - is one step closer with construction commencing on the new facility this week at Meadowbank Park.

Key features at the state-of-the-art recreation space will include:

- Skate and scooter play facilities to suit all ages and skill levels
- Competition deep skate bowl
- Picnic and shelter facilities
- Landscape works and controlled lighting
- New connecting footpaths

The facility will be located at the northern end of Meadowbank Park near Constitution Road West.

City of Ryde Mayor, Cllr Jerome Laxale, said the \$2.5 million scooter and skate park will benefit the whole community.

"The new skate and scooter park delivers on Council's commitment to deliver more recreational outdoor spaces for everyone. It will have fun and safe facilities for children of all ages and abilities, while there will also be alfresco and seating areas for the adults to utilise," Cllr Laxale said.

"I am proud to lead a Council that achieves outcomes that previous Council's in Ryde could not. Twenty years after this facility was first promised, work has now commenced which will finally make the scooter and skate park a reality.

"I would like to thank my fellow Councillors for supporting this new skate and scooter park, particularly Councillor Roy Maggio who has been a proponent of it for a number of years.

"A huge thanks must also go to the Skate Park Working Group which has been advocating for this open space for some time and helped in shaping its final design and key features."

The Ryde Outdoor Youth and Family Recreation Space is expected to be completed and opened to the public by March next year, weather permitting.

The opening of the facility will be celebrated with a free skateboard clinic and competition.